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Six French Students To Get New Grants

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Next September, 10 young Frenchmen will be enrolled in specialized study in the United States on fellowships provided by the Lafayette Fellowship Foundation. This will increase by six the program which was launched last September when four young Frenchmen took up their studies in the United States on the 200th anniversary of the birth of the Marquis de Lafayette.

The foundation is supported by business organizations, foundations, and individuals and has operated in its first year on a limited scale. Its goal is to bring 20 young French students to America each year for special study. An endowment of 3 million dollars is being sought for this purpose. The Ford Foundation has made a conditional grant of 1 million dollars which will become effective when the foundation has secured the additional 2 million dollars.

The purpose of the foundation is to develop a closer relationship between two countries whose ideals and histories have been linked so closely. The foundation leaves the primary choosing of the selected scholars to a committee in France which then presents its choices to the foundation's Education Committee, chaired by Dr. Grayson Kirk, president of Columbia University.

The first four French scholars have made an interesting choice of studies. Jean Soublin is a student at the Harvard University School of Business Administration. In a letter to

Benjamin H. Namm, president of the foundation, M. Soublin wrote, "The case method (as developed at Harvard) is dynamic." He expressed enthusiasm for the environment at the school and the helpfulness of students and professors.

Other fellowship students are Etienne Augustin at the University of California School of Business Administration, Michel Guillemin, studying industrial management at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, and Jean Labrunie, in the Stanford University School of Business Administration.

President Coty of France and President Eisenhower are honorary cochairmen of the foundation. Elliott H. Lee, vice-president of the Guaranty Trust Company, is chairman. Don Epstein is executive secretary, 78 East 56 Street, New York 22.

In a recent ceremony here, Miss Vada Horsch, secretary of the foundation, was awarded the Cross of the Chevalier de la Legion d'Honneur by the French Government for her work in establishing the foundation. Miss Horsch is an honorary member of the French Chamber of Commerce and also of the Paris Chamber of Commerce. She is executive secretary of the Conference Group of National Organizations and an officer of the National Association of Manufacturers.

On May 27, the foundation will honor Gen. Alfred M. Gruenther with the first Lafayette Gold Medal Award at a dinner here.

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